

albopictus is present, there is potential for their movement into other areas having a climate that can support them.

Other commenters asked for continuance of the certification requirement while observing that certification efforts came too late to be effective. While *Aedes albopictus* was well established in many areas long before it was first detected, control efforts were rapidly initiated and energetically pursued once the presence of the species was recognized. Since these measures were not effective in slowing *Aedes albopictus*' establishment, it is not logical to argue for them to be continued.

Other commenters suggested that continued certification could prevent future importation of other species. We find no evidence in support of this position.

**Determination:** The requirement for certification of used tire casings from Asia prior to entry into the United States is canceled.

Dated: August 16, 1999.

**Joseph R. Carter,**

*Associate Director for Management and Operation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Ethics Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following subcommittee meeting.

**Name:** Ethics Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC.

**Time and Date:** 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., September 23, 1999.

**Place:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Building 16, Room 5126, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 25 people.

**Purpose:** This subcommittee will anticipate, identify, and propose solutions to strategic and broad ethical issues facing CDC.

**Matters to be Discussed:** Agenda items will include updates from the Associate Director for Science, Dixie E. Snider, M.D., M.P.H.; a discussion on recommendations for preventing transmission of Hepatitis B virus, Hepatitis C virus, and Human

Immunodeficiency Virus to patients in healthcare settings; and anticipating issues involved in future decisions regarding the rotavirus vaccine.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Kathy Cahill, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S D-24, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Telephone 404/639-7060.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: August 12, 1999.

**Carolyn J. Russell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Notice of Final List of Child Welfare Outcomes and Measures

**SUMMARY:** Section 203 of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA), signed into law in November 1997, requires that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in consultation with Governors, State legislatures, State and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs, and child welfare advocates, develop a set of outcome measures (including length of stay in foster care, number of foster care placements, and number of adoptions) that can be used to assess the performance of States in operating child protection and child welfare programs. In addition, the law requires that to the maximum extent possible, the outcome measures should be developed from data available from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). Section 203 of ASFA also directs the Secretary to prepare and submit to the Congress an Annual Report on the performance of each State on each outcome measure.

To meet these requirements, the Children's Bureau, the Federal agency charged with the task of implementing ASFA, engaged in a consultation process with State officials, advocates and other experts in the field. As a result of this process, the Children's Bureau published a preliminary list of

child welfare outcomes and measures in the **Federal Register** for public comment on February 2, 1999. Comments were received from 31 State child welfare agencies including the District of Columbia, 14 representatives of national organizations, nine members of a congressional coalition, one local child and family services agency, one tribal organization, four child welfare researchers, four Federal staff and one unaffiliated individual. Based on an analysis of the comments, numerous changes were made to the preliminary list of outcomes and measures.

This notice announces the final list of child welfare outcomes and measures and the data elements that will be used to compute each State's performance on each measure. The notice also describes additional data about each State system's characteristics that will be used in the Annual Report to provide context for interpreting State performance on the outcome measures. Finally, the notice provides general information about the steps that will lead to publication of the first Annual Report to the Congress on the performance of each State on each outcome measure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marianne Ruffy, Children's Bureau, 330 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20447.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Nation's child welfare systems are designed to protect children who have suffered maltreatment, who are at risk for maltreatment, or who are under the care and placement responsibility of the State because their families are unable to care for them. These systems also focus on securing permanent living arrangements for children who are unable to return home. The Children's Bureau is the agency within the Federal Government that is responsible for assisting State child welfare systems by promoting continuous improvement in the delivery of child welfare services.

The Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) unequivocally established that our national goals for children in the child welfare system are safety, permanency, and well-being. To help achieve these goals, the ASFA requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in consultation with States and experts in the field, to identify outcome measures to gauge State and national progress in reaching these goals, and to report on these outcomes in an annual report to the Congress.

The Children's Bureau formed a consultation group comprised of representatives from State, Tribal and county child welfare agencies; State